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Planned Maintenance at Diablo Canyon Unit 2 Delayed to Meet State Energy Needs During Heat Wave

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(This article is more evidence that we need nuclear power, and we should be finding ways to expend it safely rather than shut down more nuclear plants. Keep them running safely until they can be upgraded to or replaced with the better Generation-IV kind. Molten salt reactors can run on thorium. The world has about 400 times as much of that as compared to the uranium-235 that is used in most nuclear reactors now. Also some molten salt reactor designs can use most of our nuclear waste as fuel. 2/27/18, Rudy Stefenel)

California Independent System Operator Requests Both Units Operate at Full Power

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Avila Beach, Calif.— A planned maintenance outage scheduled to begin today on Unit 2 at Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) has been postponed to make certain there is enough electricity to reliably meet California's energy needs during an upcoming heat wave.

PG&E delayed the planned work and power curtailment at the request of California Independent System Operator (CAISO), an entity that works to ensure there is enough to electricity to reliably meet state demands. PG&E will conduct the planned outage, which includes a tunnel cleaning, after CAISO determines there is enough backup generation available to meet state electricity demands.

"DCPP is a vital resource for California. It is a safe, clean, reliable and affordable energy resource for PG&E's customers statewide.

We are absolutely committed to ensuring that our customers continue to receive a steady supply of reliable power, and we will continue to coordinate with the CAISO on an appropriate time to perform the planned outage," said PG&E Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer Ed Halpin.

There are no safety impacts associated with postponing the planned work on Unit 2. In the past, PG&E has performed similar delays at the request of the CAISO.

Both Unit 1 and Unit 2 at DCPD continue to safely operate at full power.

About Diablo Canyon Power Plant

Diablo Canyon Power Plant is a nuclear power facility owned and operated by PG&E. Its two units together produce approximately 2,300 net megawatts of carbon-free power. It provides nearly 10 percent of all electricity generated in California, and enough energy to meet the needs of more than three million Northern and Central Californians. Diablo Canyon has a [\\$920 million](#) annual local economic impact and is the largest private employer in San Luis Obispo County.

About PG&E

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